

EXTENDING THE TIME LIMITATION AUTHORIZING THE USE
OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO STATIONS FOR CERTAIN
PURPOSES

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Mr. FREE, from the Committee on the Merchant Marine and
Fisheries, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 317]

The Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, having
had under consideration House Joint Resolution 317, reports the
same to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

This resolution continues in force and effect until January 1, 1927,
Public Resolution No. 48, Sixty-seventh Congress, which reads as
follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION To amend section 2 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to authorize
the operation of Government-owned radio stations for the use of the general public, and for other pur-
poses," approved June 5, 1920

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of Amer-
ica in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint
resolution to authorize the operation of Government-owned radio stations for
the use of the general public, and for other purposes," approved June 5, 1920,
be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized, under the
terms and conditions and at rates prescribed by him, which rates shall be just
and reasonable, and which, upon complaint, shall be subject to review and revi-
sion by the Interstate Commerce Commission, to use all radio stations and appa-
ratus, wherever located, owned by the United States and under the control of
the Navy Department—(a) for the reception and transmission of press messages
offered by any newspaper published in the United States, its Territories, or pos-
sessions, or published by citizens of the United States in foreign countries, or by
any press association of the United States, and (b) for the reception and trans-
mission of private commercial messages: *Provided*, That the rates fixed for the
reception and transmission of all such messages, other than press messages be-
tween the Pacific coast of the United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Orient,
shall not be less than the rates charged by privately owned and operated sta-
tions for like messages and service: *Provided further*, That the right to use such
stations for any of the purposes named in this section, except for the reception
and transmission of press messages, other than press messages between the
Atlantic coast of the United States and ships at sea, shall terminate and cease
as between any countries or localities or between any locality and privately

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operated ships whenever privately owned and operated stations are capable of meeting the normal communication requirements between such countries or localities or between any locality and privately operated ships, and the Secretary of Commerce shall have notified the Secretary of the Navy thereof, and all rights conferred by this section shall terminate and cease on June 30, 1925, except that all such rights conferred by this section in the Republic of China shall terminate and cease on January 1, 1924.

"Approved, April 14, 1922."

By reason of the fact that privately owned radio stations are not yet prepared to handle messages in certain places in the Pacific, particularly the Philippines, the continuation of this service by the naval radio for a time is necessary.

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